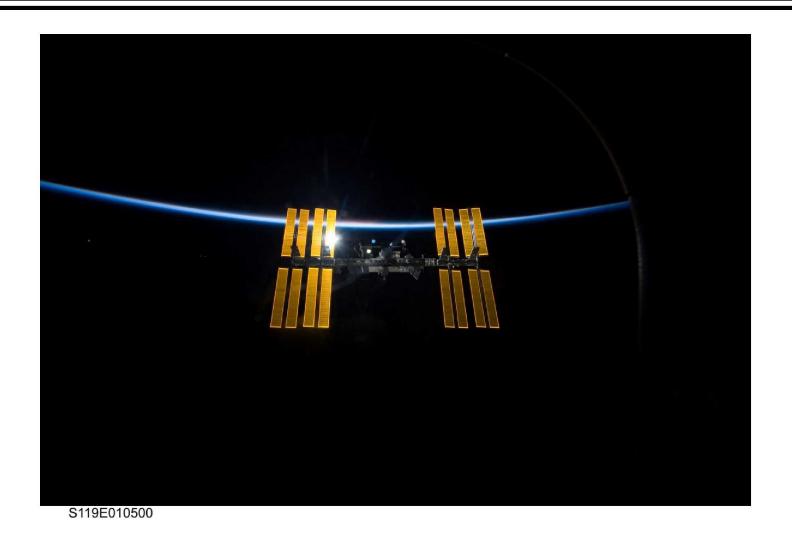
# Right Ventricular Tissue Doppler in Space Flight

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# **Space Normal Right Ventricle**



#### Background

- First Right-Ventricle Tissue Doppler from ISS
- Subset of data from SDTO "Bracelet-M"

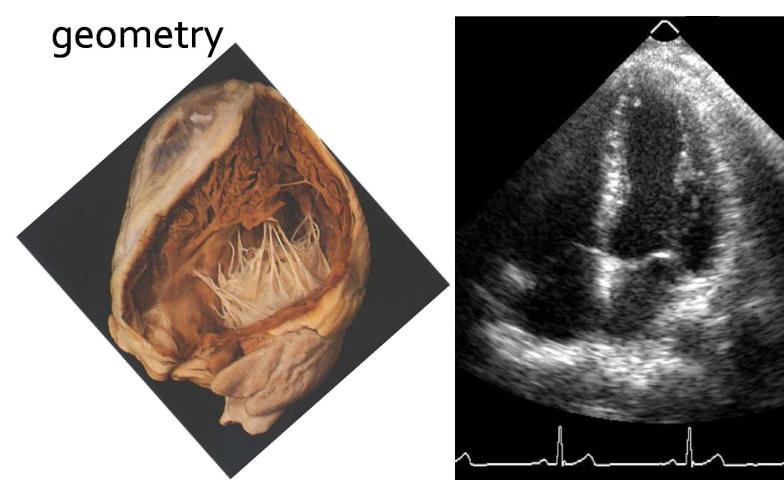
- Russian Countermeasure
  - Medical prevention strategy for reducing fluid shifts in microgravity in long-duration crew
  - Acute change in effective circulating volume

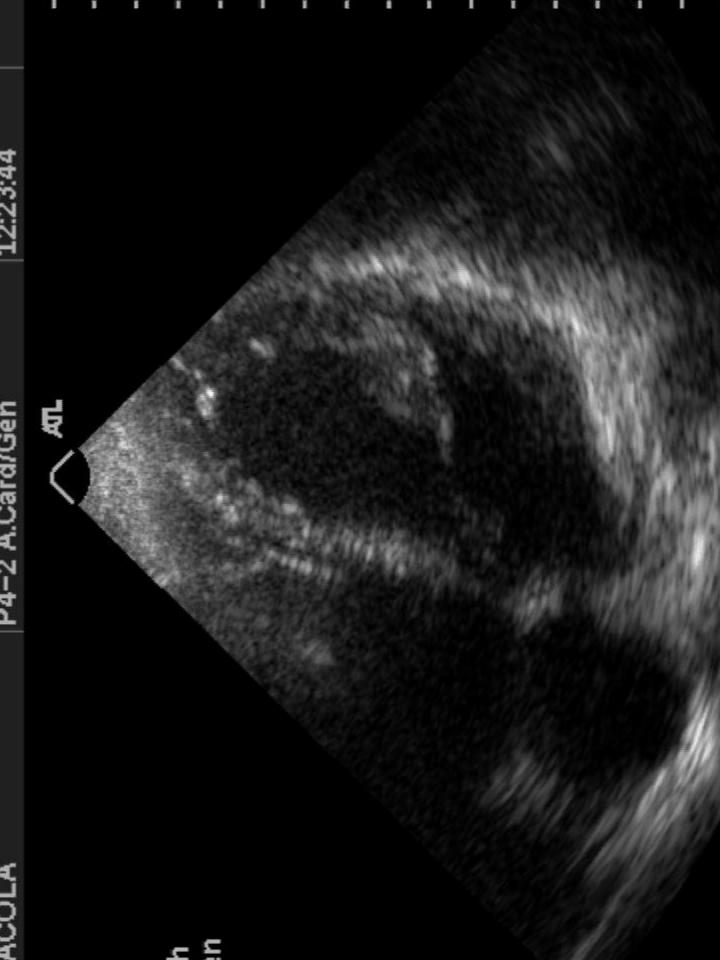
## Physiology of the Right Ventricle

- Transpulmonary gradient of 5 mmHg to drive blood flow across pulmonary circulation
- RV contraction peaks early in systole (brief) drops rapidly
- RV ejection into a low-impedance pulmonary circulation
- RV diastolic volume 20-30% > LV despite lower diastolic pressure
- Compliant

# Imaging difficulties

Difficult to assess mass & volumes due to





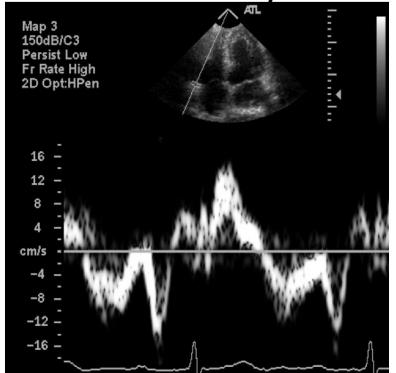
#### Methods

- Remote Guidance
  - Communication 1.8- to 2-second delay between operator on board the ISS and expert instruction mission control.
- Operator
  - Astronaut on colleague astronaut crewmembers
  - Operators utilizing a self-scanning technique
- Nine sessions with and without Braslet

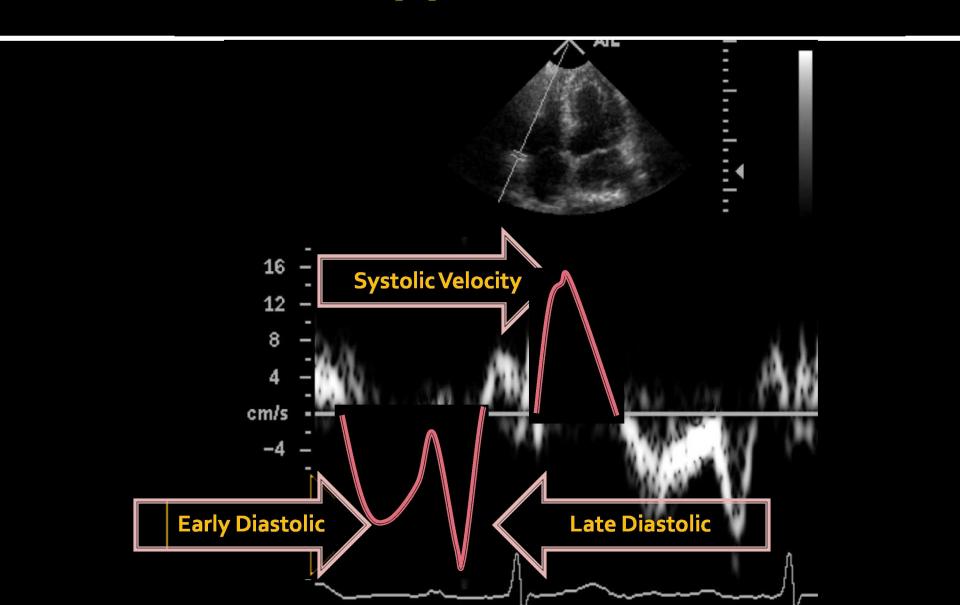


#### Tissue Doppler Spectrum

 Tissue Doppler spectrum registers movement of a given sample of cardiac tissue throughout the cardiac cycle



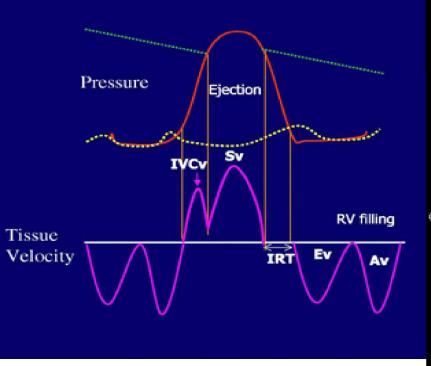
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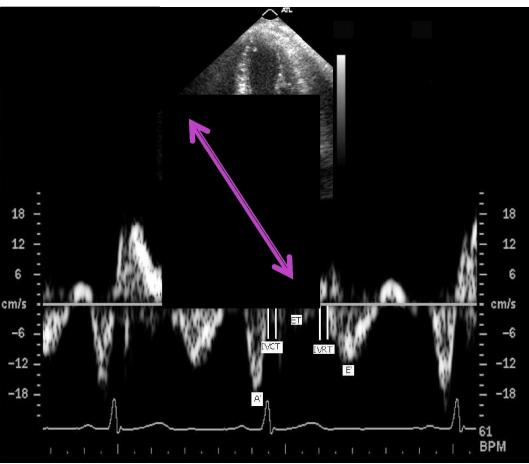


#### Rt Tei Index

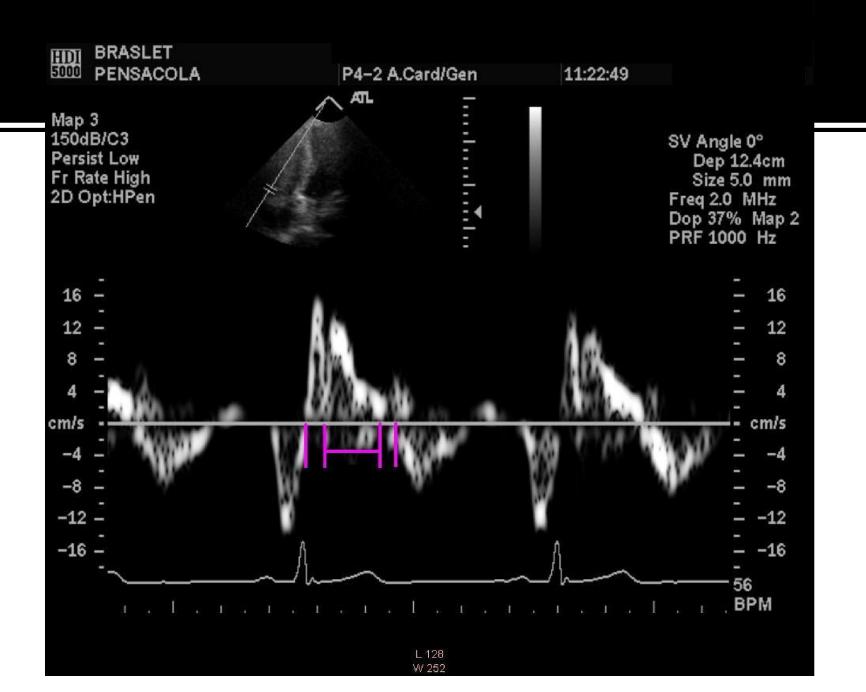
IVCT + IVRT / ET

Myocardial Performance



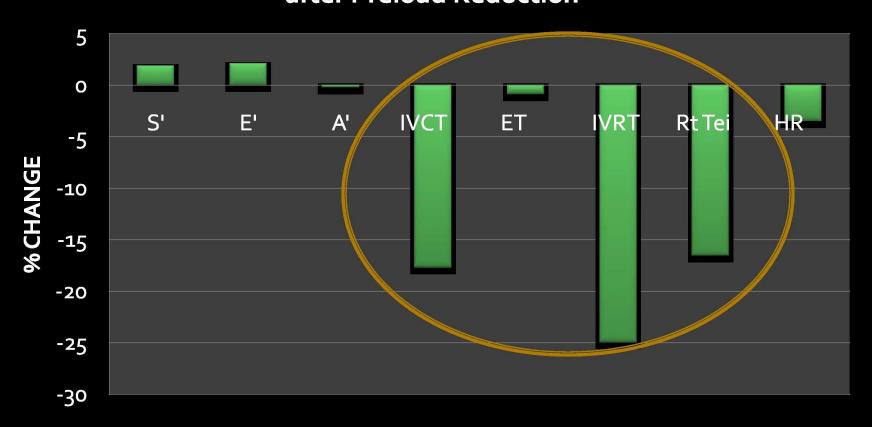


<sup>\*</sup> Tei et al, Doppler Echocardiography Index for Assessment of Global Right Ventricular Function, J of A Soc. Echocardiography, 1996, vol.9, #6



## **Summary of Results**

# Space Normal % Change Right Ventricle Parameters after Preload Reduction



#### Summary

- Unique data :acute preload change on RV
- Space Normal Tei index larger in microgravity than normal Tei index (< 0.3)</li>
- Tissue Doppler can be performed by crew with high fidelity
- Need larger sample for better fidelity on Space Normal RV function
- More image data for RV Mass and Volume